

Northeast Tri County Health District

Environmental Health On-site Sewage Program Overview

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- Why?
 - Prior to 1994 - major concern was disposal
 - 1994 Regulations - major concern is treatment to protect public health

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- On-Site Sewage Regulation
- 2002 – Adopted full set of guidelines

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■ Site Evaluation

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- Test hole

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- Water in the bottom of a test hole.

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- 1A soil – extremely gravelly coarse sand

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- Restrictive clay soil

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TABLE II
SOIL TEXTURAL CLASSIFICATION

Soil Type	Soil Textural Classifications
1A	Very gravelly ¹ course sands or coarser. All extremely gravelly ² soils.
1B	Very gravelly medium sand, very gravelly fine sand, very gravelly very fine sand, very gravelly loamy sands.
2A	Coarse sands (also includes ASTM C-33 sand
2B	Medium sands.
3	Fine sands, loamy course sands, loamy medium sands.
4	Very fine sands, loam fine sands, loamy very fine sands, sandy loams, loams.
5	Silt loams that are porous and have well developed structure.
6	Other silt loams, sandy clay loams, clay loams, silty clay loams.
Unsuitable for treatment or disposal	Sandy clay, clay, silty clay, and strongly cemented or firm soils.

1.Very Gravelly = > 35% and < 60% gravel and coarse fragments, by volume.

2.Extremely Gravelly = > 60% gravel and coarse fragments, by volume.

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**TABLE IV
METHODS OF EFFLUENT DISTRIBUTION FOR SOIL TYPES & DEPTHS**

	VERTICAL SEPARATION			
SOIL TYPE	< 1 foot	≥ 1 foot to < 2 feet	≥ 2 feet to < 3 feet	≥ 3 feet
1A	Not allowed	Pressure Distribution (see note) ^{1 & 2}	Pressure Distribution (see note) ¹	Pressure Distribution (see note) ¹
2A	Not allowed	Pressure Distribution (see note) ^{1 & 2}	Pressure Distribution	Pressure Distribution
1B – 6	Not allowed	Pressure Distribution (see note) ^{1 & 2}	Pressure Distribution	Gravity Distribution

¹ System meeting Treatment Standard 2 required.

² Mound systems installed where the original, undisturbed, unsaturated soil depth is between 12 and 18 inches, require pretreatment by an intermittent sand filter.

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- Conventional gravity drainfield

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- Septic tank installation

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- Gravelless chambers

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- Squirt test on pressure distribution system

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- Aerobic Treatment Unit (ATU)

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- High strength treatment unit